

# Chicago Fans Are Blaming Pitching Staff for Utter Failure of Cubs in Series for World's Title

## CUBS DISAPPOINTMENT TO THEIR FOLLOWERS

National League Team Has Not Shown Single Trait of Many That Made Them Famous—Coombs Pitches Rather Unsteadily.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Of all the disappointments in baseball history the Chicago Cubs in the present series have been the greatest to date. They may come back and win, but with three games against them their chances are exceedingly remote. The Cubs have not shown a solitary one of the traits which made them famous and favorites before the series began. Now that they have fallen physically in competition they appear to have collapsed mentally, and give indications of a team willing to acknowledge defeat without further contention. This is truly surprising, for the very best trick of the Cubs was supposed to be displaying gameness, while learned gents innumerable have taken them in hand to demonstrate that the Athletics are yellow.

But, the Cubs should not be roasted so severely for their show in the first three games. Their pitchers have been absolute failures, and no matter what the rest of the team might accomplish it was offset by miserable twirling. The series has been entirely a question of pitchers and hitting and the teams of paper devoted to the intelligence and inside play of the contenders have been wasted.

When you can't hit the fellows' slabs, men, and the other fellows are walloping your very best slabs for some such total as fifteen hits, mostly for extra bases, you don't have much moral courage. You know you are up against it, and your fielding and batting will show the state of your mind. That was exactly the case with the Cubs yesterday. After Reulbach exploded they were done. And when McIntire passed into the upper air in his little fit in the same round, the show was over right there.

### Two Stars Angry.

Joe Tinker made two errors yesterday and Steinfield made one. It is entirely likely that had they been in a close game they would have had clean records. Both of these stars were undoubtedly careless in handling the ball. They were not yellow. Not that we could notice, but they were angry and rattled over the way the game was going, and acted with poor judgment.

The Cub who showed the best spirit was Pfister. He was reached plentifully for hits and runs while on the mound, but he was trying every minute. He kept his eye on the bases, worked the batters to the best of his ability, and did not cease his efforts to end the slaughter. With two out in the seventh inning Steinfield and Tinker made errors on men going to first. Had his support been what he had a right to expect he would have not been scored against in that round.

Winning two games in a row had great moral effect on the Athletics. They took it for granted they had already beaten the best Cubs had in stock, and that they need not worry about the pitching. They slammed away in a most disconcerting manner, and soon got the goat of every man they faced.

Singles by Collins and Baker and a home run by Murphy in the third inning practically ended the game. A man with brains enough to frame a tariff bill satisfactory to the whole country could not have saved the Cubs after that. They were done.

### Work of Collins.

Collins did not shine so brightly as in the first two games, but he did not have much opportunity to break into the proceedings. His one hit was a scratchy affair in the third inning, and he had but two fielding chances. The infielder who turned the best trick came in the fourth inning he got in front of a particularly vicious drive from Kling and started a double play. It was a furious blow that went straight at Barry and bounded up to his chest. He was driven backward by the impact but held the ball and threw to Collins at second. Collins got it on the run, wheeled and heaved to Davis, Tinker and Kling being exterminated by the feat. It was just the kind of a play that George McBride would probably have missed, for George is not strong in chances that he does not take on the right or left side.

Jack Coombs did not pitch a great ball game. His team won and not Jack; he started very badly. His control was mostly poor and his physical asset was speed. He was constantly getting into tight places because of wildness at the start. He would have to put the ball over to prevent a walk, and the Cubs would smash it. They made three runs and three hits off him in the first two innings, and that should come pretty near being enough in a game between first-class teams, but the Athletics gave him grand support and relieved his mind by their terrific batting.

After the Athletics' runs in the third inning the only recourse for the Cubs was to throw science to the wind and swing at the ball with all their might. They were precluded from attempting any fancy stuff, for nothing could help them except extra base hits in large doses. Coombs' task was made easier by this, for the Cubs were distracted and began to hit at bad balls.

### Good In Pinches.

Still, Coombs was not bad by any means. As in the Philadelphia game, he could tighten up in emergencies, so that it was hard to tell just how well he could have pitched in a pinch. Sheppard opened the fifth inning by reaching first on Steinfield's error. Coombs fanned Steinfield, which was a childish feat. He fanned Archer in the eighth inning when the Cubs had made two runs and began to act up. After Tinker had singled and Steinfield in the ninth with one out, Coombs whiffed Kling. Schulte drove in two runs in the second inning with two out and the men were on second and third. Coombs took a brace and fanned Artie Hoffman at that critical stage when the score was tied. His wild control was not so impressively reliable at any stage and the costly bad heave caused no surprise.

Thomas caught Coombs well. The Cub did not attempt to steal on him. They had no occasion to after the Athletics got a five-run lead. In the ninth inning Tinker stole second because Thomas had no chance to catch him. The batter and let the runner go when his team was seven runs to the good. He did not even throw to stop the man. It was strange that Thomas, the useful batter whose slugging prowess is his special recommendation, should have been the only Athletics to go down.

To right, got first on Tinker's error, was thrown out by Tinker, walked, and grounded out to Chance. There you have his record for the day.

### Bad Athletic Play.

A bad play was made by the Athletics when Hoffman doubled through Barry with little to choose on either side. Sheppard on first in the eighth inning Barry just reached the ball. Instead of knocking it down he deflected it to left field. Sheppard scooted for third. Lord recovered the ball and found Barry, Baker, and Coombs at third to catch it, with the consequence that they got in one another's way and Sheppard was safe. It was a clear case of rattles. Perhaps it was an instance of what the Athletics might do if they were held close by the Cubs.

Chicago made an old, familiar foolish play in the eighth inning on Coombs. He fled toward center, and Hoffman and Zimmerman both dove for it. Just as either could have made the catch they stepped politely aside for each other, and Coombs was safe. Also, the hit did not come.

In the matter of brains, as has been said, there was little to choose on either side. The Athletics walloped the ball in brutal fashion and the Cubs tried to follow their example. The Athletics had no need for playing a stealing game, and would not have profited much if they had tried it.

Baker started a theft of second in the first inning with two out, and was snuffed by a comfortable margin. Kling is doing all any catcher could be asked to do in this series, and it is not the fault of him or Tinker that the Cubs have dropped three in a row. They have done their share.

Chicago fans are much more demonstrative over their loyalty to the three defeated Cubs than those of the Quaker City were for the triumphant Athletics. It must have sent a warm glow over Chalmers and his men to note the hearty reception they got before the game, and the more sorry than angry attitude of the faithful after the fat was well in the fire yesterday. Chicago is a great and unbeatable city, and it has acted mightily clean in its support of the Cubs to date, and we are glad to note the fact. This support is all the more remarkable because Charley Murphy, president of the Cubs, has a multitude of knockers here, and the American League has a host of supporters who cheered and rooted against the Cubs, but did not root or flout at them when they fell down so horribly. It was a strange combination of personal prejudice versus the patriotic spirit that would hardly be found anywhere else.

### Crowd Disappointing.

The size of the crowd was disappointing. The official attendance was 36,219. The Chicago reporters and the ball players thought the grounds would hold 30,000 at least. Temporary bleachers had been erected in the fields and were filled.

It is almost a cinch that every seat was sold, even if not occupied, and the attendance was about full capacity. Thousands of the seats were in the open, but the spectators were unusually persistent in sticking until the last stand was made ideal conditions for pneumonia. The Cub rooters are deriving some comfort from the fact that in 1906 the Boston team came to the front when two games behind and beat Pittsburgh for the world's championship, but that performance will hardly be duplicated this time.

### BARRY IS MATCHED WITH "TONY" ROSS

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 21.—A match at twenty rounds was made today between Jim Barry, the Chicago heavyweight, and Tony Ross, the Italian scrapper, of Newcastle, Pa.

The men will fight across the river from New Orleans, early in November, for 60 per cent of the gross receipts. Barry, who recently won from Sandy Ferguson, in fourteen rounds, beats Ross, an effort will be made to match him against Al Kaufman.

### YALE LOSES HOWE.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 21.—That Howe, looked upon as one of the best quarterbacks Yale has had, will not be able to play this season, has been practically decided upon. Howe is suffering from a sprained knee, and has been playing quarter since the opening of the season, has been replaced by Strong. The coaches believe him faster than Corey, though perhaps not so experienced.

## One Cub Who Has Shown Form



JOE TINKER.

Despite Errors Shortstop Has Played Good Ball for National Champions.

## Official Score of Third Game

The following are the official figures compiled by the board appointed by the National Commission:

ATHLETICS.	AB.	R.	H.	SB.	SH.	SO.	BB.	PO.	A.	E.
Strunk, cf.	5	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
Lord, lf.	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Collins, 2b.	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Baker, 3b.	5	2	2	0	0	0	2	4	1	0
Davis, 1b.	3	3	3	0	0	0	1	8	0	0
Murphy, rf.	5	2	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	0
Barry, ss.	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Thomas, c.	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	1	0
Coombs, p.	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

  

CHICAGO.	AB.	R.	H.	SB.	SH.	SO.	BB.	PO.	A.	E.
Sheppard, lf.	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0
Schulte, rf.	4	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
Hofman, cf.	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
Chance, 1b.	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0
Archer, 1b.	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	0	0
Zimmerman, 2b.	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	6	0
Steinfeld, 3b.	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	2	1
Tinker, ss.	4	1	3	1	0	0	0	3	4	2
Kling, c.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0
Reulbach, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
McIntire, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pfister, p.	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Beaumont	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	0
*Needham	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>

\*Batted for Reulbach in the second inning.

\*Batted for Pfister in the ninth inning.

Athletics	1	2	5	0	0	0	4	0	0	12
Chicago	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5

First base on errors—Athletics, 3; Chicago, 1. Left on bases—Athletics, 7; Chicago, 4. First base on balls—Coombs, 4; off Reulbach, 2; off Pfister, 1. Innings pitched—By Reulbach, 6; by McIntire, 1-3; by Pfister, 6-2-3. Times at bat by opponents—Against Reulbach, 7; against McIntire, 4; against Pfister, 30. Hits made—Off Reulbach, 3; off McIntire, 3; off Pfister, 2. Struck out—By Coombs, 8; by Pfister, 1. Home run—Murphy. Three-base hit—Baker. Two-base hits—Davis, Barry (2), Coombs, Schulte (2), Hofman, Tinker. Sacrifice flies—Hofman. Errors (4)—Fumbled grounders, Baker, Tinker, Steinfield. Wild throw—Tinker. Double plays—Barry, Collins, and Davis; Murphy and Davis; Zimmerman, Tinker, and Archer. Hit by pitcher—By McIntire, Davis. Wild pitch—Coombs, 1. Umpires—O'Day and Sheridan. Time of game—2 hours and 4 minutes. Attendance—26,219.

## TALENT WILL BACK MUD RACERS TODAY

Pimlico Track Is Heavy, and the "Mudders" Should Be Big Favorites In Betting—Another Canadian Horse Goes to Pieces.

By J. H. (JUDGE) ANDERSON.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 21.—Another colt of seven races with big fields is offered at Pimlico this afternoon. The track will be heavy, and the horses with a fondness for soft going must be figured on.

In the first race, a six-furlong dash for two-year-olds, Seth looks to have a good chance for the first honors. This one has been doing well in his work since coming to Pimlico.

Sweepaway might get the place, but he will have to beat Altamira, who will be knocking at the door.

Cohort should win the second race, although sprinting is his forte. McComb if he starts here should get the place and may do better.

Sir Alvecot look something the best in the third event, if the heavy going suits him. Big Stick may get the place.

The Electric Park Steeplechase should be between Nebuchadnezzar and Judge Cronin. The latter started yesterday, and may not run today. The Speaker will have a look in provided he does not refuse.

The fifth race, the Severn Purse, brings out some good two-year-olds, and should furnish a warm contest. Clifton Squaw has the speed, and may win here with Leah preferred for the place. Eagle Bird also will run well.

Priscilla looks like a real good thing in the sixth race with M. Cannon a good place horse.

For the last race Adams Express looks the goods with Pharaoh likely for the place.

The racing yesterday was conducted on a heavy track, and this caused much scratching and also upset the calculations of the talent. Notwithstanding the threatening weather a big attendance was on hand, and got a run for its money.

A very cheap lot of maidens opened the sport for the afternoon, and the wise ones found it hard to separate them. There was no very pronounced favorite and several horses had a back-swing.

The winner turned up in Eulalia May, which had run some good races in Canada in the mud. This one went to the front at the start, and stayed there to the end. Rampage was the winner up to the stretch, but tired at the end, and was beaten by Lillie Hoy, which closed fast.

Question Mark was made the favorite for the second race, but the real wise ones put their checks down on Harvey F., who was said to be a mudder from way back.

This proved to be the correct dope. Harvey F. romped off with the race without being troubled at any stage of the game. Question Mark seemed to labor in the going, and was hard ridden to get the place.

Several pretty good two-year-olds were entered in the third race, and there was a lively speculation on three or four of them. Horizon was naturally installed in the favorite's position, but almost as much play went in on Babbler and Cherish.

The elect, who so far at this meeting have had things right, sent in their

shells on Cherish, a Plaudit colt from Tom Healey's stable. This one was said to have worked very fast.

Again the wise fellows were right. Cherish went to the front right at the start, and after a fierce battle with Babbler won in a hard drive by half a length.

Babbler, with the Hastings fondness for the going, made it hot for the winner, but could not quite reach. The weight bothered Horizon in the going, and third place was the best she could do.

The Mt. Washington Steeplechase was a good thing for Jesuit, which after a battle through the field with Judge Cronin came on to an easy victory.

The Judge came down from Canada with a great reputation, and inasmuch as he had Jimmy Lynch up, received a heavy backing.

Like most of the Canadian "phenoms," however, Mr. Murray's gelding blew up when he found himself up against the real thing.

Right from the first jump Judge Cronin was taken out to make the running. He was at once joined by Jesuit and the two raced together twice around the field.

Here the Canadian horse had enough and chucked it up, leaving Jesuit full of run to come home to an easy victory.

The Welkin, favorite in the betting, was kept behind the pace until over the last jump, when she came with a wet sail and tackling Judge Cronin, beat him out for the place. It is likely that the Welkin was a trifle short and will beat these same horses the next time out.

Scratches brought the Stafford Purse down to three starters, Montgomery, Busy and Rebound. The Hildreth horse was made an odds on favorite, but his performance did not justify it. Montgomery could not run enough to keep himself warm and labored along in the rear all the way.

Col. Bill Scully's Rebound made a runaway race of it. Busy came very far in the stretch, but the little fellow with the weed cognomen Killingsworth, who rode the colt was of no help and was content to stick on and let his mount run on his own courage.

Hampton Court, another one of Sam Hildreth's stable, was made the favorite in the last race, but he, too, failed his backers.

High Private captured this event in the most impressive fashion, going to the front right after the start and after a slight tussle with J. H. Houghton opening up a gap that was never closed.

High Private is a pretty high-class animal, but has been on the slling list for a long time. He was entirely overlooked by the wise men and as good as 2 to 1 was to be had about him in the ring.

Owner Smithson, however, did not let his horse go unbacked. He scattered his play over the ring and in this way got down a big bunch of money at good odds and made the best clean-up of the meeting.

The dollar bettors, too, remembered High Private and they "made the welkin ring" when the old fellow came home in front.

## HATCHETTES PLAY WORTHY OPPONENTS

St. John's Has Held Virginia and Navy to Low Scores.

The only football game of importance in Washington tomorrow will be played at National Park at 3:30 when George Washington will meet St. John's of Annapolis.

This, in all probability, is George Washington's last game in Washington before November 17, as next Saturday the team journeys to Richmond and the two dates following will be filled at Baltimore when Johns Hopkins is played and V. P. L. at Blacksburg, Va., on November 12.

St. John's this year has held both the Navy and the University of Virginia to comparative low scores, and the outcome of tomorrow's game will be looked forward to with interest by all the loyal adherents of the Hatchettes. Coach MacGuffin's charges have shown little to date, and much is expected of the team in the final games of the season.

While M. A. C. got away with the game last Wednesday, George Washington showed marked improvement over the form displayed over the Saturday before that and it is hoped that St. John's will be decisively defeated. Several changes will be made in the line and a general shakedown is predicted in the team. Leadership will probably pass at quarter if Farmer is not in condition. Crafts will be in the game and Moore is expected to work in the back-field.

## DE ORO RETAINS BILLIARD TITLE

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Alfredo De Oro, three-cushion billiard champion, successfully defended his title last night against Lloyd Jevie, the challenger, in Doyle's Academy, by showing a total score for three nights' play of 150 points to 121.

Jevie tallied forty-four points in the final ball, his previous games netting him thirty-seven and forty, respectively. The champion was apparently the master of the situation at all times, playing conservatively and awaiting opportunities which came as the result of the rather open play of his opponent.

## INDIANS PRIMED.

CARLEISLE, Pa., Oct. 21.—The Carlisle Indians have held their last evening drill at football before meeting the Princeton Tigers. The Indian coach ran the men through dummy tackling and fundamentals, such as kicking, falling on the ball, running down under punts, and followed by a signal drill and a twenty-minute scrimmage between the first and second teams.

## CORNELL STAR ELIGIBLE.

ITHACA, Oct. 21.—The probation ban has been lifted from Charles Weeks, the best candidate for tackle in Cornell. He will be a fortnight before he is able to play. The Indians of Zellers and Pitchers will leave the right end of the line weak for the game with Vermont on Saturday.

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